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SUBJECT : BHUTTO VISIT TO UAE - RECALL FOR ISLAMIC NON-AGGRESSION
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1. SUMMARY: ONE DAY BHUTTO VISIT TO UAE UNUSUAL FOR HIGH
LEVEL PROTOCOL ATTENTION AND UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID'S
PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER. DURING VISIT,
BHUTTO PROPOSED ISLAMIC DEFENSE TREATY OR AT LEAST
ISLAMIC NON-AGGRESSION PACT, A PROPOSAL WHICH CAME
AS DISTINCT SURPRISE TO HIS UAE HOSTS. ASIDE FROM
THANKING UAE FOR ITS SUPPORT, MAIN PURPOSE BHUTTO VISIT
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APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TO FURTHER HIS ELECTIONEERING CAM-
PAIGN AT HOME FOR NEXT OCTOBER'S ELECTRIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO ACCOMPANIED BY PAK FONMIN AZIZ
AHMAD AND FOREIGN SECRETARY AGA SHAHI PAID 24 HOUR VISIT
TO UAE, ARRIVING LATE IN EVENING OF JUNE 19. VISIT WAS UN-
USUAL FOR HIGH LEVEL PROTOCOL ATTENTION GIVEN TO BHUTTO. ALTHOUGH

NOT CHIEF OF STATE, BHUTTO WAS MET BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID, WHO ALSO SAW HIM OFF ON HIS DEPARTURE AFTER HOLDING VIRTUALLY ALL DAY MEETING WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED ONLY FOR LUNCH WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS. UAE VICE PRESIDENT AND RULER OF DUBAI, SHAIKH RASHID, ALSO PARTICIPATED IN ALL EVENTS EXCEPT FOR ARRIVAL CEREMONY. BOTH FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, UAE TROTTED OUT EVERY PAKISTANI OFFICER SECONDED TO UAE ARMED FORCES OF THE RANK OF MAJOR OR ABOVE TO BE ON HAND TO MEET BHUTTO, ADDING ABOUT 200 BODIES TO THE RECEIVING LINE.

3. JUST PRIOR TO BHUTTO'S ARRIVAL, SHAIKH ZAYID ALSO TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF GIVING HIS PUBLIC ENDORSEMENT TO BHUTTO DURING PRESS INTERVIEW WELCOMING VISIT. ZAYID SAID UAE VIEWS DISPUTE BETWEEN BHUTTO'S GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION IN PAKISTAN AS A MATTER OF DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. "THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN KNOW BHUTTO VERY WELL AND MUSLIMS ALL OVER THE WORLD KNOW HIM AS A BRAVE LEADER WHO HAS BEEN ABLE TO GUID PAKISTAN THROUGH TIMES OF HARDSHIP AND PROBLEMS." WHEN ZAYID WAS ASKED BY CORRESPONDENTS WHY UAE WAS SUPPORTING BHUTTO IN HIS DISPUTE WITH OPPOSITION, ZAYID REPLIED THAT IT WAS STAND OF ALL ARAB AND MUSLIM COUNTRIES. HE SAID SAUDI INITIATIVE IN TRYING TO HELP RESOLVE DISPUTE WAS A NATURAL ROLE AMONG BROTHERS AND UAE SUPPORT FOR BHUTTO WAS "NOT DERIVED FROM PERSONAL RELATIONS BUT BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE IN ISLAMIC AND ARAB ISSUES AND HIS CONFIDENTIAL

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WISE POLICY IN PAKISTAN AFTER THE WAR WITH INDIA."

4. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, BHUTTO THANKED UAE FOR HELPING TO RESOLVE THREE MONTH OLD DISPUTE BETWEEN GOVT AND OPPOSITION AND THEN PROCEEDED TO CALL FOR AN ISLAMIC DEFENSE TREATY TO SAFEGUARD INTERESTS OF ISLAMIC NATIONS AND STAND UP TO FOREIGN THREATS AND CHALLENGES. BHUTTO SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS HIGH TIME FOR CONVENING ISLAMIC SUMMIT TO DISCUSS SUCH A TREATY. IF SOME MUSLIMS HARBOR RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUCH A DEFENSE TREATY, BHUTTO SAID "I SUGGEST WE START WITH A NON-AGGRESSION PACT AMONG MUSLIM COUNTRIES." BHUTTO PROPOSAL MANAGED TO TAKE HIS UAE HOSTS ABACK SOMEWHAT AND NEITHER ZAYID NOR FONMIN SUWAIDI OFFERED ANY COMMENT AT TIME OF BHUTTO'S DEPARTURE.

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5. DURING VISIT, BHUTTO ALSO PUBLICLY DECLARED PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT FOR JUST ARAB CAUSE IN MIDDLE EAST, ESPECIALLY PALESTINE ISSUE. BHUTTO DID NOT BELIEVE THAT A GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE WOULD BE CONVENED IN NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID THAT "OVER-OPTIMISM ABOUT A PEACE SETTLEMENT HAS LED THE ISRAELI ELECTORATE INTO VOTING THE RIGHT WING LIKUD PARTY LED BY TERRORIST MENACHEM BEGIN".

6. ON PAK RELATIONS WITH INDIA, BHUTTO WAS ASKED BY NEWSPAPERMEN TO COMMENT ON INDIAN PM DESAI'S STATEMENT THAT INDIA WOULD BE READY TO COOPERATE WITH PAKISTAIN IN USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. BHUTTO SAID PAKISTAN WOULD WELCOME ANY KIND OF FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH INDIA BUT DOUBTED POSSIBILITY OF SUCH COOPERATION. HE
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COULD NOT UNDERSTAND "HOW INDIA COULD HELP US IN NUCLEAR FIELDS WHILE ITS LEADERS MISS NO OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLAIN WHENEVER PAKISTAN SUCCEEDS IN SIGNING A DEAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRADITIONAL WESPONS." BHUTTO ALSO REAFFIRMED PAKISTAIN'S DETERMINATION TO GET NUCLEAR PROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE AND MAKE FRENCH HONOR DEAL THEY

HAD SIGNED WITH PAKISTAN.

7. COMMENT: WHILE BHUTTO'S MAIN PURPOSE IN VISIT WAS THANK UAE FOR ITS POLITICAL SUPPORT AND WAS PROBABLY AN OCCASION TO ASK FOR MORE FINANCIAL AID (ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO PUBLIC MENTION OF THIS), OUR IMPRESSION WAS THAT BHUTTO USING VISIT TO FURTHER HIS ELECTROAL CAMPAIGN. DURING HIS VISIT HERE, HE CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED THAT HIS PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY WOULD WIN AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN NEW ELECTIONS SET FOR OCTOBER. WHILE WE HAVE LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF PAK ELECTORAL SCENE, IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT BHUTTO SAW VISIT TO UAE, AND PRESUMABLY TO SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND TEHRAN, AS AN OPPORTUNITY TOHNRAMATIZE TO HIS OWN ELECTORATE THAT HE HAS STRONG PERSONAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY ISLAMIC STATES, AND THIS SUPPORT EXTENDS TO BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES IMPORTANT TO ELECTORATE RATHER THAN ISLAMIC ISSUES THAT HIS OPPOSITION HAS CONCENTRATED UPON.
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